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General Thesis about Intelligence

1. The trend in the world over the past 20 years has been towards greater independence of nations/states. There has been a loosening even within the Warsaw Pact as the ties of alliance and the domination of alliances by their principal members. There has been a far greater voice accorded in their national councils to insignificant economic and military powers.

a. This greater independence and a stronger voice for the many other nations in the world would indicate that our intelligence activities must be capable of collecting information and evaluating it on these many countries (friend, foe and neutral), as well as on the principal potential opponents (Soviet Union, Communist China, and the Communist Eastern European Bloc).